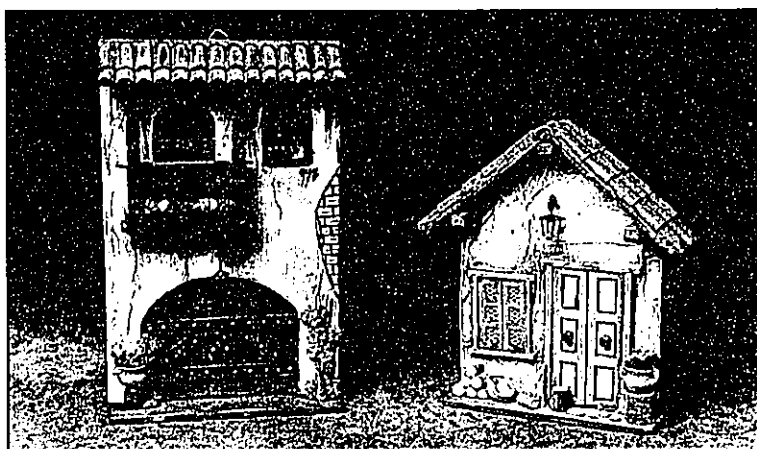


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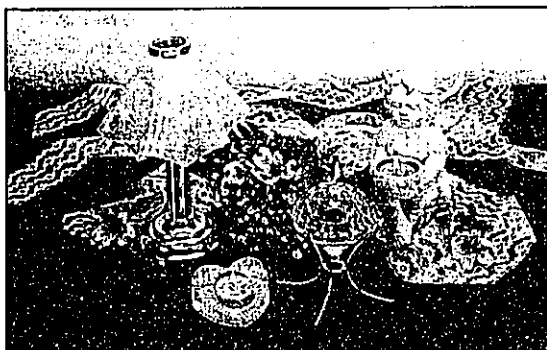
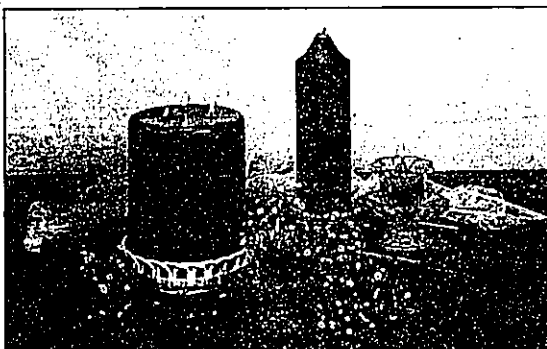


Up front

Old World style: Each of these handmade European house fronts is cleverly accented with items such as clay flower pots, dried flowers, stones and lanterns. The artists' painstaking attention to detail gives these decorative house fronts a "lived in" appearance, complete with exposed bricks, cracks in the paint and rust on the roof. Imported from Bolivia, the works will enhance the ambiance of any room. They come in various sizes and styles. Those shown here are \$46 (left) and \$34. Available at Sun Gate Imports, 550 Forest, Plymouth. Call (313) 453-2775.

Light fantastic

Warm thoughts: Give the gift of candlelight to your special someone this Valentine's Day. PartyLite Gifts Inc., a direct sales marketer of candles and candle accessories based in Plymouth, Mass., offers a wide variety of products. Among PartyLite suggestions are a scented, three-wick, pillar candle measuring six by eight inches; sets of brass candlesticks and richly colored HandiLit candles; a pewter pillar holder with a Famous Fragrance Chandelier pillar candle; and votive holders, including lead crystal and colored glass. Call (508) 830-3100 for information.



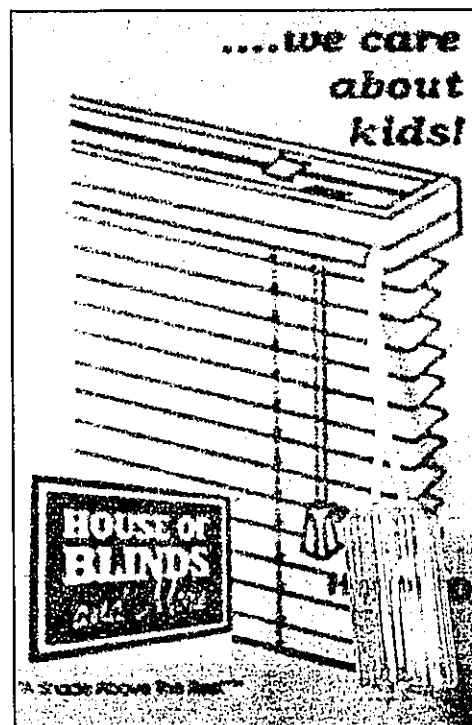
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Safety feature

Helpful kits: House of Blinds and More, based in Southfield, is launching a major consumer awareness program to educate the public about the growing number of accidents involving young children and interior drapery hardware or window covering products designed with flexible looped cords and chains. As part of the campaign, House of Blinds is offering free retrofit kits to all consumers who want to convert mini blinds and wood blinds, regardless of where the window blinds were bought. The kits come complete with all necessary materials and easy-to-follow directions. They include child-safe, breakaway tassels (one of which is shown here) that simply break apart if something gets lodged between the cords. This eliminates the free hanging loop that could strangle a child. House of Blinds has also redesigned its wood and mini blinds to reduce the risks of accidents and meet newer industry safety standards. For more information on the retrofit kits or to find the House of Blinds store nearest you, call (800) 4-BLINDS.